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# Battle Lines Drawn

## Zone Changes Come Under Fire

...by Bob Guevin

The Planning Board met with the Agawam Businessmen's Association last Wednesday, March 29, to discuss the proposed comprehensive zoning changes currently being formulated by the Planning Board. With over one hundred in attendance, the Planning Board and Businessmen's Association came to a tentative compromise to conduct a series of workshops between the Planning Board and various town groups before the ordinances are submitted to the Town Council for action.

The meeting was the result of the fears and pressure applied by the Businessmen since they have become aware of the nature and extent of the proposed changes. The chief concern of the businessmen is that, under the proposed zoning changes, much of the land currently zoned for business would revert to residential. Businesses operating on land which was re-zoned would not be forced to close their doors. However, these businesses would need special permits to continue as "non-conforming uses" and as such would not be allowed to make additions, enlargements or changes of a substantial nature. Further, a business which ceased to

operate or lost its continuity would be re-zoned residential. This apparently would include sale of the business or closing caused by fire, etc.

The area businessmen have become alarmed at the potential threat to their property to the point that they have retained Attorney Anthony Bonavita to represent their interest in the meetings which have been scheduled between the two groups. Attorney Bonavita stated that although no Planning Board zone changes could be accepted until approved by the town Council, there was, nevertheless, some concern because the legal technicalities of any plan formally submitted to the Town Council could possibly put Agawam in a state of "limbo". Throughout the meeting, Attorney Bonavita repeatedly asked the Planning Board to make only the minimal changes necessary to bring the current zoning ordinances into conformity with state requirements of Section 808.

Mrs. Natlie George, chairperson of the Planning Board, opened the meeting with a brief outline of the intended informal format of the evening and summarized the positions and intention of the

Planning Board. She touched on the past troubles and concerns of the community and acknowledged the attitude among many of caution and distrust. She spoke of Section 808 of the General Laws which put the "responsibility right on the Town" to oversee the cost of providing services to the community and to plan for its growth in a controlled and predicted manner. Referring to hazardous and spot zoning in the past, Mrs. George spoke of bringing the Town's future growth under the guidelines established by the Regional and local Growth Policy Commission. According to Mrs. George, the State has slowly been taking local autonomy away from the towns and Section 808 is an attempt to restore that control.

"Zoning is a method of predicting what the cost of services and growth will be", said Mrs. George. Finally she stressed that the zoning changes and maps were "working drafts only" and that it was obvious that revisions and more work was needed.

Joseph Napolitan, President of the Agawam Businessmen's Association, was the first speaker for the Association. He expressed concern

and dismay over the extent of the proposed changes and stated that the changes should be made slowly and one at a time.

At this point, Attorney Bonavita asked the Planning Board to stipulate a time period of one year before bringing the proposed changes before the Town Council. He stated that the Planning Board had taken three years to compile the proposed ordinances and the businessmen and average citizens should have at least one year to digest them.

Mrs. George responded that, although the Planning Board was willing to schedule workshops with all the various groups in town, the Planning Board was unwilling to stipulate a one year delay. She cited the long time already spent and the "building momentum" to accomplish the needed changes. She stated that as long as the community was interested and continued to participate meaningfully in the workshops, they would continue. Mrs. George's reluctance to establish deadlines was echoed by the other members of the Planning Board when questioned by Attorney Bonavita.

Upon questioning from the

audience as to why and how certain areas had been designated either residential or business, Mrs. George responded by saying that the Planning Board was limited in their funds and, although they had tried to visually inspect the various sections of town personally, it was evident that some mistakes had been made and the Board would need "input from the business community to correct them."

Mr. Anthony Ignawitch, owner of the Hollow Pine Shopping area and other commercial land stood to speak: (pointing at the map) "If the Planning Board has been working on this for three years, why have I only now heard about it? This new map will put me out of business."

Mrs. George responded by saying the Planning Board had posted notices of their meetings and had invited several groups to come in to speak before them. She went on to say that attendance at these meetings by the public and the businessmen was very poor and that now that the Planning Board is close to going before the council and it appears some people will get hurt, these groups want to be heard. Mrs. George

insisted that the corrections and changes could still be made because the charter requires several public hearings following submission of ordinances to the Council. She stressed that these changes could now be made through the workshops as well, as long as they were productive.

At this point Mr. Jerry Zerra read a lengthy statement in which he termed the proposed changes the "Agawam Strangulation Policy" and called for its complete abandonment. He urged the Council and new Town Manager to "please let Agawam grow as it has in the past...should and will grow in the future, one change at a time, one step at a time, with a good blend of industry, business and residence."

Mr. Arthur Leary then raised the question, "what happens when the policy of the Planning Board comes in conflict with the policy of Democracy?" Mrs. George replied that she saw no such conflict.

Mr. Peter Longo, realtor, took a few moments to point out that the re-zoning from business to residential would result in a loss of tax revenue.

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## Charter Commission Meets With Citizens For Good Government

...by Pat Guevin

Last Wednesday night, March 29th, the Charter Commission met with the Citizens for good government, the group initially responsible for the petition which brought the question of Charter revision to a vote of the people. The question of revision received a resounding 3-1 majority vote, and thus the Charter Commission came into being.

Members of the Citizens for Good Government and Mr. Jerry Mason, not a member of the organization, expressed concern for the vote taken by the Commission on the Council/Manager form of government before they (the Commission) had a chance to meet with the Town Council, the Citizens for Good Government, or the former elected town officials.

Commission Chairman, Andrew Gallano defended the vote by saying that it was only

a means of indicating in which direction the Charter Commission was heading, and that "the final judgement on the results of our deliberations and efforts will be decided by the voters of the town and not in the newspapers."

President of the Citizens group, Joseph Tortoriello, spoke of the confusion in many people's minds as to what Agawam actually is - a town or a city. He also stated that in the last election the people were given an either/or choice. "We either kept what we had (selectmen) or go for a manager. If we were not happy with what we had we certainly didn't have much of a choice." He addressed the Commission saying, "It is up to you people to see that we, the citizens of Agawam, who have our lives invested here do get a choice - more than an

either or situation. Give the people of Agawam the choice - Mayor, Manager/Council with a revised charter, or perhaps even Selectmen. We want a choice - We must have a choice."

A statement made by Donald Rheault, former Council member expounded upon the past difficulties of the town under the present form of government. He said that the Manager/Council form of government did not take the politics out of government, but has made Agawam "more political than ever." Rheault stated that the present system would allow the same mistakes that have been made in the past to be made again. He said: "I propose this Commission keep the council form of government but instead of it being a council-manager, let it be a council-mayor form...I strongly feel we should be able to vote for the top man who runs our town."

Similar sentiments were expressed in a statement read on behalf of Mrs. Anita Davilli, who was not present, and in a statement given by former Council member Walter Moreno. Mr. Moreno said that he felt that more accountability to the people by the top officials in government was necessary. He also stressed what he felt to be the extreme costliness of our present form of govern-

ment. Moreno cited that the Mayor of Springfield, a city with a population of 180,000 people, receives a salary of only \$30,000, while Agawam's Town Manager, governing some 25,000 people receives an annual salary of \$27,000.

The Charter Commission has much work to do before they present proposed revisions to the charter to the Town Council. Until that time, they are scheduled to meet with the former elected town officials. They are also in the process of hiring a legal consultant to guide them in making the revisions. By this summer, the Commission should be well on its way to completing the task it has been asked by the voters to do. It appears that change, in some form, will occur if the voice of the people is heard.

## Congregational Church Rummage Sale

The Ladies Aide of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Rummage Sale at the church, 745 Main St., Agawam, on Friday, April 14 from 10-2 and 6-8. The event should have many interesting as well as desirable items.



Jason Forgue meets with the Easter Bunny at Chin's Restaurant in Feeding Hills on Easter Sunday. Mr. Rabbit was giving out candy to children who finished their breakfasts. photo by Jack Devine

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## Planning Board Battle...

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es to the Town which would mean a shifting of the tax burden more heavily onto the home owner. He predicted slums in previously productive land because the down-zoning would bankrupt the property owners and make repairs too costly on existing structures.

Mr. Joseph Conte, zoning enforcement officer, spoke briefly and articulately to the Board: "I'm pleading with you to go slow. This philosophy change is drastic and will hurt hundreds of people. We will bankrupt six hundred people immediately if this is enacted. As the zoning officer, it would take me ninety days just to explain the changes. The Planning Board should give serious consideration to the people of Agawam and go slow. A delay is vital."

Mr. Peter Caputo then rose to say that as Agawam's

newest citizen, he was pleased to see a compromise had been accomplished, that workshops were to be scheduled and that both groups appeared anxious to work to put across their views. As the workshops continue and the communication between the two groups improve, he was hopeful of further compromise, and a setting aside of the fears of the business community.

The workshop schedules will be announced as they become available. Mrs. George has expressed the Planning Board's intention to make drafts and maps available to the public as soon as possible. Stressing a lack of funding, Mrs. George said the information would be available as soon as possible, and concerned citizens should watch for notification at Town Hall, in the Library, and this newspaper.

## Summer Jobs Funds

\$21.8 million is coming to Massachusetts to finance summer jobs for disadvantaged youth, Lt. Governor Tom O'Neil announced this week. The money will bring 20-35,000 jobs to young people beginning in June for clerical work in private non-profit and public agencies, park work, road maintenance, and health or day-care work.

Interested young people, between the ages of 14-21 should contact their local CETA offices. Special priority is given to veterans, the handicapped, welfare recipients, minority youth, high school drop outs, juvenile offenders and people with limited English speaking ability.

The money is part of an allocation from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and is distributed according to the relative unemployment rates.

There will be a large scale effort to increase non-traditional jobs for both men and women. "Vocational exploration" in the private sector will be part of the program meant to familiarize young people with different sorts of private-sector jobs. Career and personal counselling will also be available.

In the Hampden County consortium, \$1,773,995 has been allocated for this program.



Firemen Junie Fontana (l) and Al Collins practice their CPR methods at a recent class.

photo by Jack Devine

## Your Police Department And C-P-R

A state law goes into effect on July 1, 1978 requiring all police officers and firemen to be trained in CPR. Agawam police were certified in this procedure over one year ago, but must be recertified every year. Recertification requires another four to eight hours of practice and a written test.

For the last month, on Wednesday evenings, the police have been training at the James Clark School. The police are very proficient in

this life saving procedure said Officer Leonard Rising who is lead instructor in the program. There have been many lives saved over the last several years because Agawam's police officers knew CPR. Included in this class is instruction in what to do for obstructed airways and discussion on respiratory problems in general. In the last class, some of the firemen have joined together with the police for their

training. Officer Rising stated that there are many dedicated instructors assisting in the CPR classes who have given many hours of their time for this worthwhile program. Instructors for the present class are: Skip Rising's wife Dottie, his son Lennie, and his son's wife, Charlotte. Lt. Kerr from the Fire Department is also assisting in the instruction.

## Agawam High MIRROR Awards

...by Dorothy Martin

Once again, the MIRROR, Agawam High School's student newsmagazine, has proven its worth by winning several awards at two recent press forums.

Columbia University sponsors a national press forum in March each year and four outstanding student journalists, Tina Gravel, editor-in-chief, Vickie Marinello, news editor, Kara Puskey, editorial editor, and Barbara Atwater, business staff member, were given the opportunity to attend. Workshops include sportswriting, news and feature writing, photography, graphics, roundtable discussions, and advertiser sessions

The convention, held March 16, 17 and 19, is the highlight of the year for staff members. Those who attend learn new techniques in newspaper production and how to better their publication.

This year the MIRROR, again, took a second place award in the news magazine division, quite an honor considering the large number of schools who compete.

On the heels of Columbia, 13 members of the staff attended the annual press forum at AIC, walking out with two trophies and one award for creative design. Springfield Magazine honored the MIRROR by presenting us

with a trophy for excellence in newspaper production and AIC presented us with a trophy for second place in the gold division for all-over newspaper excellence.

In order for our newsmagazine to be as successful as it is, many students work together giving their time mostly after school. The paper itself offers these students no credits towards graduation and is for the most part voluntary. Yet the enthusiasm to achieve a quality paper is there from the business end to the reporting end. Agawam should certainly be proud of these young journalists.

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photo by Jack Devine

## Agawam J.A. Activities

The Junior Achievement program in Agawam, under the supervision of Mrs. Barbara Duggan offers students an opportunity to learn of the business world through classroom instruction and field trips.

The J.A. classes at the Junior High School introduce students to such subjects as Consumerism, Economics,

Marketing, Money & Banking, Financial Statements, and Choosing A career.

Volunteer instructors from various area businesses combine lectures with field trips to expose the students to the world of business. Instructors participating this term are: David DeLancey from Westbank; Paul Zecchi from Tennessee Gas Co.; and

Peter Benton from S.I.S.

Students will be taking tours of various business establishments in the area. The first tour was of the Food Mart in Agawam. Other sites to be visited include Western Mass Electric, American Bosch, the Bulk Mail Center, the Westbank Operations Center, and the Teller line at S.I.S.

## Town Receives Reimbursement For Ambulance

Town Manager Peter Caputo has been notified by State Senator Alan Sitsisky that Agawam has been granted a reimbursement of \$5,000 from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau and the mass. Department of Public Health for the town's newly acquired Class I ambulance.

The ambulance, which was purchased with funds raised by the Agawam Jaycees conforms to state specifications and is in compliance with the Massachusetts Ambulance Regulations and thus becomes eligible for the reimbursement.

## Agawam Library Storytelling Program

In observance of National Library Week, the Agawam Public Libraries have scheduled Rickey Mazor for a storytelling program, which will take place at Agawam Public Library II, on Friday, April 7, at 4:00 P.M. All children are invited.

Rickey of Tattletales is offering an audience-participation storytelling program for children in which folktales from different countries have been adapted to involve the children in the storytelling process. Each story involves them in a different way. In one, the children imagine

breaking of pieces of the sky that tastes just like favorite food. In another, they bake gingerbread and in still another, they become animals going on a journey to find their animal coats. The use of movement, mime and chants in storytelling creates a unique educational experience.

Rickey studied theater at the University of Utah and received an M.Ed. in creative drama from the University of Massachusetts. She has been doing storytelling and teaching creative drama in Western Massachusetts for several years.

## Baton Uniforms Wanted

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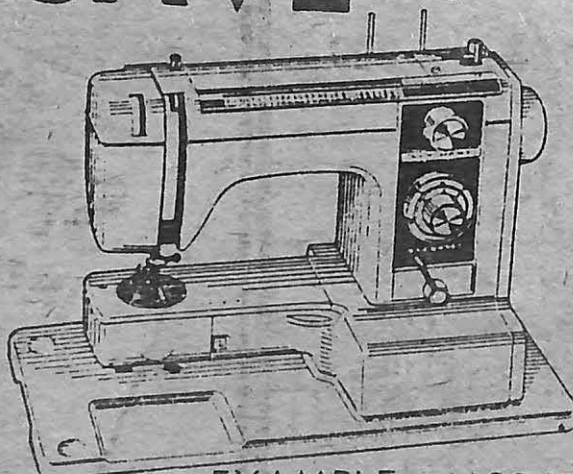
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# School Committee Protests State Programs

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Agawam School Committee recently decided in favor of filing a protest against the State Board of Education, contending that state-wide programs presently in use are taking control of public schools.

The committee protested the fact that the Board of Education recently adopted a plan to mandate a morning breakfast program, in which the School Committee must have in effect by this September.

The Board of Education developed the program in early February, specifying that all communities in the Commonwealth with less than 50,000 residents must provide breakfast in the schools that have more than 100 students presently registered in the reduced or free lunch programs.

Under the proposed program, the Middle School and Junior High School would be forced to provide breakfast to

the students before daily classes began. The breakfasts would consist of cereal, milk and fruit, which would be eaten during a ten minute period in the student's daily schedule.

Business Director James Coon estimated that the new program proposed does not have enough students eligible in the both schools combined. A refusal of an administration to provide breakfast to the students could result in the loss of state funding to the school system.

"We've worked this thing out in a way that it won't cost the town anything", stated Coon. He pointed out that, although this will mean more hours for the cafeteria personnel, the state compensation will cover that.

Coon expressed dissatisfaction with the program as he explained that the town has always been able to provide for the less fortunate students

If a more extensive program is required by the Board of Education, Agawam may be forced to raise money for the more elaborate plan. According to Coon, the program isn't needed in a town our size.

Many other communities, with greater populations of qualifying students than Agawam, will be forced to adopt the new program under the Board of Education's plan, with a much greater expense.

The Agawam School Committee is expected to send letters of protest to Massachusetts Board of Education Chairman Gregory Anrig and State Representative Edward W. Connelly, R-Agawam. The letters will express the resentment of the committee toward the proposed breakfast program.

The School Committee's main protest is against the state's control over individual school systems, forcing upon the town's school board, mandatory school programs, which eliminate the board's option of approving or disapproving a proposal.



Mr. DeLuchi, left, presents Mrs. Chapman with the money bouquet as Postmaster DeForge, right, looks on. Co Chairman of the event was Mr. Ed. Modzelewski.

## Mrs. Virginia Chapman Feted At Retirement Party

Mrs. Virginia Chapman of 111 Adams Street was recently honored at a Retirement Party at the Silver Carriage Inn.

Mrs. Chapman has worked at the Agawam Post Office for 32 years. She was presented an award for outstanding service by Postmaster

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### Business Profile

## CHIM'S RESTAURANT

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Dorothy & Stan Chmielewski

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The family-style restaurant, formerly the Village Cookery, is open seven days a week. Monday thru Friday, hours are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.; on Saturday Chim's is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and on Sunday's from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Barbara Cook manages the

restaurant and also shares cooking duties with Linda Crough. Both Stan and Dorothy have full time jobs away from the restaurant during the week, but you'll find them and their children there on weekends busily preparing and serving some of the finest breakfast and luncheon items available - including kielbasa.

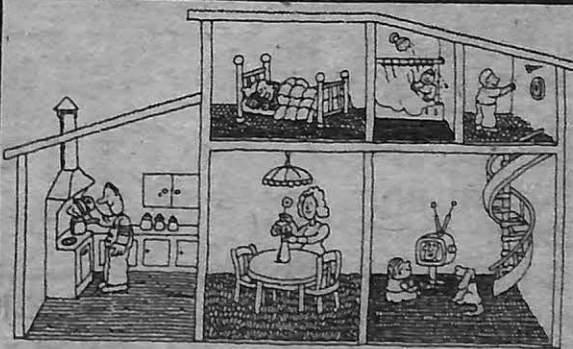
Most menu items are priced under \$2.00, with special prices for senior citizens and a daily luncheon special, whose menu is printed up a

week in advance so that a patron can see ahead of time what the special will be on any given day. The price structure is in line with their philosophy of "good quality food at a reasonable price."

Many of the foods that are served are homemade, including the meat sauces, gravies, meatloaf, meatballs, etc. Fresh eggs are purchased from a local farm and pure honey, produced in Agawam is also available.

Beginning this week, Chim's will be featuring soft ice cream - everybody's favorite in warm weather. The creamy concoction will be served daily until 8 p.m. with a wide variety of cones and sundaes being offered.

The bright, cheery, and spotlessly clean surroundings and friendly, homelike atmosphere make Chim's Restaurant a truly enjoyable place to have breakfast or lunch. The Chmielewski's like working with people, and very much enjoy their new business venture. Stop in and see them and try some of their excellent food - you'll be glad you did!



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The Agawam Town Council approved \$15,000 for a summer camp for handicapped children. The state is expected to reimburse half the camp cost. This will be the second year of the camp which will service 40 Agawam children who are severely retarded, emotionally disturbed, or have multiple physical handicaps.

Applications for children to attend this special 7 week camp at the Junior High School facility will be available at the Parks and Recreation office. Deadline for return

ing the applications will be April 30th. Applications will also be available at the Parks and Recreation office for eight paid positions on the camp staff. Complete job descriptions are available at the Parks office, the following positions are open: Camp Director, a 11 week position at \$102.25 per week. Three senior counselors, 9 week positions, one for Physical Education, one for Arts and Crafts, and the third for Aquatics; three junior counselors, one in each section is also needed. The senior

counselors positions pay is \$90.75 per week, for 9 weeks, junior counselors list for \$77.70.

A Health Counselor is needed for 8 weeks at \$90.75 per week, this person supervises first aid and all health needs, candidates should be certified emergency medical technologist; and a speech therapist for 24 hours per

week at \$7.50 per hour. Applications for these paid positions must be returned by April 30th. All applicants are interviewed.

A large number of volunteers are also needed. Many of the campers need supervision on a one-to-one basis.

Please contact the Parks and Recreation office for further information.

## Hearing On Gas Rate Hike

Register of Deeds John Pierce Lynch of Springfield today lauded the announcement of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities that a public hearing would be held in Springfield on May 2, in Room 218 at 7 p.m. concerning the 12 percent gas rate hike requested by the Bay State Gas Co.

Lynch called for a public hearing on the rate request at

a press conference last week.

Lynch said, "I commend the DPU for scheduling a public hearing on the Bay State Gas Company's request for higher rates. I urge those who are interested in appearing at the hearing to contact me so that we can have an intelligent presentation of the facts. It is important that the consumers point of view be presented in the best possible way."

## Fourth Annual Children's Contest

Secretary of State Paul Guzzi recently announced the opening of the fourth annual Children's Contest. This art and writing contest for elementary school children is co-sponsored by the Tours and Government Education Division of the Office of the State Secretary and the Life Insurance Association of Mass.

"The contest's theme this year is 'Massachusetts First and Foremost,'" Guzzi explained. "We hope students will think about our state's rich tradition of leadership in government, science, health and industry and create projects which will reflect that tradition."

Students in grades one through six may submit art or

writing entries in any of the following categories: "Doers," "Helpers," "Per-formers," and "Facts".

First prize winners in each category will receive a \$25 savings bond.

Class projects are also encouraged. Winning classes will be given tickets to the New England Aquarium.

All prizes will be provided by the Life Insurance Association of Massachusetts.

The deadline for this contest is April 30, 1978.

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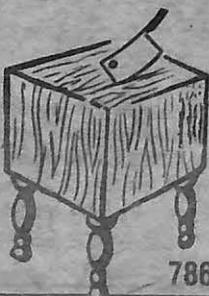
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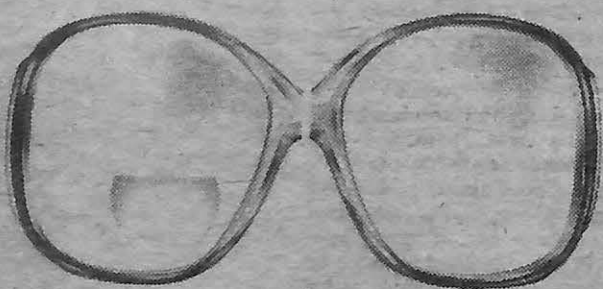
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# Editorials

**"What happens when the principles of Democracy come into conflict with the principles of the Planning Board? Who loses?"**

This question was posed at the recent meeting between the Planning Board and Agawam Businessmen's Association. As concise as it is, it seems to encompass the whole spectrum of contention between the private sector, industry and government. Each has a role to play in this form of government and only when one or more of the parties becomes ineffective does the system seem to come apart.

The question was surely intended to completely dismiss governmental attempts to regulate or exercise any control on local zoning. But the question does seem to go further. To suggest that there can be no control must assume that individuals are powerful enough and rational enough to exercise their own diligence when planning the future of the area.

The reply to the question was "I do not see these principles are in conflict". This surely cannot be because any attempt by a governmental agency to regulate or control a matter must necessarily infringe upon the rights of some individuals.

While the question and answer seems to summarize the rift between the two groups, a better answer may have been delivered at the Charter Commission meeting on Monday, March 27. The commission had just asked the nine elected Councilors in attendance to comment on whether or not they felt that committees, boards or directors should be appointed or elected. Virtually unanimously, the elected officials felt that the positions should be appointed. It seems that no one believed that the average person was familiar enough or interested enough in the issues or personalities to vote intelligently.

If this assessment is true, then the question about the principles of Democracy may not be as valid as first apparent. We would naively hope that the assessment is not true and the question remains. Realistically, we would assume that the comments of the elected officials are somewhere close to the truth. If so, somewhere between the two extremes of no governmental control and absolute control lies the solution to the zoning ordinance battle.

Your view of mankind... avaricious or kindly... would seem to determine your position in the current zoning change struggle. But one must bear in mind that a true compromise is when the two positions give and take. A compromise is not when one party comes down with a sixty page ordinance and kindly agrees to reword some of them. It is also not a scrapping of the present zoning ordinance because the overall issue has been raised. We hope the workshops are productive. We tend to believe that specific concessions will be made to the more vocal and other ordinances pushed through. Now that may be Democracy in action.

## Articles of general

### interest will be accepted for publication.



### It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

A quickie: what's green and soft and goes 200 mph? Answer: a frog in a blender. That one courtesy of Jim Pelinsky. Thank you very much.

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One of the fringe benefits in sales work: calling on Betty Grimaldi of Grimaldi & Burzduk and Donna Calabrese of Heritage Real Estate. Two ladies who are knowledgeable, dedicated and pleasant. Although differing in style, they share a common trait: always pleasant and make time for you no matter how busy they are. If more people treated Other people as courteously, we'd all see more smiles.

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That figure cruising up and down the streets in Feeding Hills Monday and Tuesday last was none other than your favorite Publisher. I spent six hours delivering this newspaper to the residents in that area to become more familiar with the area. As you know, the roads are in terrible shape and the potholes are winning. But the thing that struck me funniest were the \$65,000 houses with the \$ .75 mailboxes. Beautiful houses and landscaping and the owner has a couple of 2 x 4s stuck in the ground for delivery of the mail. Oh well, wave as I go bye.

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My four year old played a good April Fool's joke on me. She ran up to me as if to give me a hug and slugged me. Cute little devil. But I got even: I tied a knot in her tights...and, no, she wasn't in them at the time.

## The Mighty Mushy Ramah River

We have all heard of the slow moving Amazon and the mighty, muddy waters of the Mississippi. But have you heard of the newly discovered Ramah River. It is located in the center of Agawam, behind the Food Mart Shopping Center. It is not the lush tropical paradise that would lure the tourist or big game hunter. Instead it is a quagmire of mud looking to devour

private property west of the area, but is unable to affect any repairs because of the questionable status of the road.

Meanwhile, the owners of the businesses involved are desperately trying to have the area repaired. They claim that certain paving requirements were not met by contractors and builders in the construction of the dirt road.



RAMAH RIVER VICTIM

the unwary. Just last week, the carnivorous area ate seven automobiles in three days. The unsuspecting motorists were either customers (former) or delivery people for the twenty-two businesses unfortunate enough to be located in this otherwise ideal location.

For four years some of the owners of these businesses have been complaining to town Managers, the D.P.W. and councilors. Always the same answer: the road is unpaved and unrecognized by the Town as a public right of way. A letter from the Town Manager concedes that there is a problem with drainage that is evidently coming from

Further, the drainage problems from the private land are serious enough to wash away any hardtop put in. These businessmen are asking the question of what benefits do they get for their tax dollar. Each business pays between three and four thousand dollars in taxes. Some claim that they would expand if conditions were to improve. Whatever the answer, if any, we believe that public safety requires these people receive some relief. How would a fire truck get through when no one else can? Through all this the mighty Ramah River just goes rolling along.

## Kenneth Barnes



### Precinct 3

Kenneth Barnes has been a member of the Town Council since its inception. He is on the Town Audit Committee and the Route 57 Committee. Barnes has also been elected to serve on the Charter Commission this term.

Barnes has definite ideas on what direction he would like to see the Town of Agawam headed. He said that Precinct 3 was, in itself, a unique sector with a good mix of older generation citizens, new developments, and business. Barnes said that his precinct gave him good feedback on the feelings of the town as a whole.

On the questions of re-organization, Barnes said

that he strongly supported the election of the top administrator in the town, or of the administration (Town Clerk, Treasurer etc.) He stated that "democracy must begin with the people."

"To see the extension of Route 57 to fruition", would be a great personal achievement for Barnes. He said that he felt it was a "necessary part of the community," and credited Rep. Ed Connelly as being a major force behind the Route 57 project on the State level.

Ken Barnes is married and has five children. He is employed as a personnel manager at Simon Container here in Agawam.

## From the Editor's Desk

by Phil Guevin



April has been proclaimed as "Voter Registration Month" by Governor Dukakis. Upon reading some of the statistics on the amazing number of eligible unregistered voters in the Commonwealth, I did a little research into the value of a single vote. Facts have been brought to my attention such as: J.F.K. won the presidency in 1960 by just one vote per precinct in Illinois. One voter in each precinct could have changed the election in Illinois, giving Nixon 26 electoral votes and consequently electing him President-can you imagine! Some other instances in history also bear out the statement that your vote does make a difference:

- In 1845, one vote made Texas part of the United States.
- One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment in 1868.
- In 1950, a state senator from Garrett County, Maryland was elected by one vote. The winner had 3,080. The loser 3,079.
- One vote kept Aaron Burr from becoming President. That one vote elected Thomas Jefferson President in 1801.
- Woodrow Wilson was elected President in 1916 by carrying one state by less than one vote per precinct.

So I do urge you to register to vote this month if you have not already done so. As citizens it is our duty and our right to participate in our government by selecting those individuals we feel will serve us best. If you don't vote, don't complain about the quality of our government-its your choice.

### TOWN HALL NOTICES

Board of Appeals 7:30 Wed., April 5 at Town Admin. Bldg.

Town Council Meeting, 7:30 Wed., April 5, Agawam Jr. High on Capital Budget.

Planning Board 8:00 p.m. Thurs., April 6, Town Admin. Bldg.

## Obituaries

### Richard E. Toelken

Ricahrd E. Toelken, 85, of Eastham, formerly of Agawam, retired Agawam police officer and former owner of a Springfield machine shop, died Wednesday, March 29 in Massachusetts Soldiers Home, Holyoke.

Toelken was an instructor for the Agawam Police Department's Pistol Team and past president and life member of the Agawam Revolver Club. He was gunsmith for both organizations.

He was cofounder and manager of Precision Grinding Co. of Springfield, which later merged into Auto Gear and Parts, Inc. of Springfield.

Born in Suffield, Conn., he lived in Agawam most of his life before moving to Cape Cod seven months ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War I, a member of the Wilson-Thompson Post No. 185, American Legion, Agawam Congregational Church, Mount Orthodox Lodge of Masons, West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, Edith (granger) Toelken; a son, Richard W. of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on March 31 at Agawam Center Cemetery. Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam was in charge. Donations may be made to the Agawam Congregational Church.

### Jennie Rossi

Jennie (DePinto) Rossi, 61, of 15 Rhodes Avenue, died at home Saturday, March 25, after a long illness. A lifelong resident, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church

and a member of the St. Anthony Society. She leaves her husband, John H. Rossi; a son, Michael J. of West Springfield; two daughters, Jean Minor of Weisbaden, West Germany, and Jo Ann Juzba of Agawam; four sisters and five grandchildren. The funeral was Tuesday, March 28, at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, followed by a liturgy of Christian burial in the church. Burial will be in Feeding Hills Cemetery.

### Daniel J. Driscoll

Daniel J. Driscoll, 66, of 624 Main Street, former employee of the Agawam Zayres Store and the G.E. Madison Co. of Southington, Conn., died Saturday, March 25 in Mercy Hospital. Born in Boston, he was a resident here for the past 18 years. He was a graduate of Boston College and was a member of the Western Massachusetts Alumni Association. An Army veteran of World War II and a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, he leaves his wife, Christine (McAloon) Driscoll; a son, Daniel J. Jr., stationed at the Seneca Army Base, Romulus, N.Y.; two daughters, Dianne Dettor of Warren, Vt., and Janice Keyes of Springfield; and a sister, Edna Ferguson of Boston. The funeral was held Tuesday, March 28 at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam and in the church, with burial in the St. Michael's Cemetery.



## Vanishing Species Series

The Fund for Animals, a national organization dedicated to the preservation of wildlife is sponsoring an essay contest for students wishing to write on the topic of Vanishing Species. Mrs. Thomas, a sixth grade teacher at the Agawam Middle School has had her classes involved in researching and writing essays for this contest. Six of the essays submitted by the sixth graders have been chosen to be entered into the national contest - with a grand prize of a trip to California. All of the essays, however, were excellent and indicate that the students put a great deal of time and effort into the project.

During the coming weeks, we will be reprinting some of the essays chosen at random to give recognition to the students' efforts. We believe you will find them interesting, informative, and well-written, and we thank the kids for giving us permission to print them.

### The Grizzly Bear

by Michelle Rolland

The word vanish means to disappear from sight. In other words to stop from existing. The reasons why the grizzly bear is vanishing are man's taking of land and man's hunting.

Man has been steadily pushing his way on to the grizzly territory. He is developing new roads and new cities in what used to be wilderness. The snowmobile has made it easier for man to go into the deep woods. New ski resorts are developing in the woods for man to enjoy his hobby, skiing. As this keeps developing, the grizzly bear is losing its territory.

Man hunts the grizzly for sport and also for its fur. Many resorts use the fur for rugs. Many grizzlies are killed by groups of sportsmen trying to see which group gets the biggest bear.

To preserve the grizzly from becoming extinct man will have to limit killing for sport either by having a license or by having the hunting season for a certain time of the year. The government will have to preserve the necessary wilderness by making national forests that will be sanctuaries for the grizzly bear.

### The Bald Eagle

by Ronald Benoit

The bald eagle is 30-32 inches long, and weighs 8-13 pounds. The eagle has a 7 foot wingspan. Like many birds the bald eagle's eyesight is keener than man's; and it's eyesight enables it to see its prey thousands of feet above it.

The legs and yellow feet of the bald eagle are very strong. The bald eagle grabs its prey and it kills it with the long sharp talons on their feet. The same talons are used to carry the victim to the eagles feeding grounds.

A bald eagle's nest is made of sticks or twigs, and each year the eagle adds more material to its nest. After thirty five years of use, one bald eagle's nest weight about two tons. The bald eagles build their nests on cliffs or in tops of tall trees near the water. Another name for their nests is Airies.

I think the bald eagle should live because it is a national symbol of the United States. But also it is a creature that inhabits the earth, serves a special function, and fills a certain niche. As eagles die out, man is deprived of their beauty, and the world around the bald eagle also loses some of its infinite variety. And if they do die we will have to change our symbol and that would cost the United States a lot of money to change everything, like our money and our national seal. This would be a lot of time and trouble lost for man's stupidity for killing off this bird. The bald eagle should be saved!

## This Week's Young Businessman

This weeks "Young Businessman of the Week" is David Bartnik, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Bartnik of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills.

David is ten years old and is in the fifth grade at Robinson Park School. David loves sports, as evidenced by his interest in baseball, basketball, football, swimming, skiing, and fishing.

David delivers the Agawam Advertiser/News on a portion of Springfield Street, Line, Pierce, Mooreland Lenox, Lincoln, Portland and Chapin Streets, Fruiwirth Avenue and Sequoia Drive.

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### Agawam High School

### Run-A-Thon

The Agawam High School boy's and girl's track teams will hold a joint five mile run-a-thon on Saturday, April 22, starting at 10 a.m.

Starting at Sacred Heart Church, the route will go east on Mill Street to Cooper, to Rowley, to O'Brien's Corners west on Springfield Street to Sacred Heart.

The purpose of the run-a-thon, sanctioned by the A.H.S. Track Parents Association and Coaches, is two-fold.

First, to bring attention to the citizens of Agawam and surrounding communities the excitement of track and field and to solicit community support and attendance at forthcoming events.

Secondly, and most importantly, encourage more students to come out for the sport.

Over the next several weeks, tracksters will be soliciting friends, neighbors, and family for pledges or donations, to be used to help defray costs of the joint A.H.S. Boy's and Girl's Track Banquet scheduled for May 25th, which is open to the public.

If not contacted by a trackster, donations may be mailed c/o Mrs. Ivy Ferrero, 24 Hickory Dr., Feeding Hills Mass. 01030. Checks should be payable to "Agawam High School Track Parent Association"

## April Is Cancer Crusade Month

April is a special month in Agawam because the American Cancer Society's fund raising Crusade gives people a chance to do something about Cancer. "This is a time of very concentrated action," Ruth Zucco, Chairperson of the Agawam Crusade explained. Governor Dukakis, President Carter and members of Congress have officially named April as Cancer Control Month.

"During this time Agawam Cancer Volunteers will be trying to teach their friends, neighbors and families the facts about Cancer, including the fact that Cancer is most curable when detected early and treated promptly, Ruth Zucco said.

"An understanding of warning signals and the importance of a physical check-up each year could save thousands of lives," she added.

"While we are trying to save more people with the knowledge we have today, we will be asking Agawam residents to support the American Cancer Society's Cancer Control Program of research, education, service and rehabilitation for the cancer patient and family." As our slogan puts it, we are asking everyone to "Fight cancer with a checkup and a check." For further information about the Society's Control Program contact the Springfield office on Pearl St.

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## Cancer Kick Off

Agawam will hold its first Cancer Kick Off on Sunday, April 9, 1978. It will be a Champagne Brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at VFW Post 1632, 194 South St., Agawam. All proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society.

On hand to kick off the event will be Special Events Chairman, Councilman Floyd Landers; Co-Chairman Ellie Appleman; Council President Richard Theroux; Town Manager Peter Caputo; State Representative Edward Connelly; Cancer Crusade Chairman Ruth Zucco and many other local dignitaries. The public is welcomed and tickets may be purchased at the door.

## Agawam Garden Club to Meet

The Agawam Garden Club will meet April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Guest speaker will be Rev. Frederick Driftmeir from South Church in Springfield, who will show slides intitled "The Other Side of Switzerland". Everyone is welcome, bring the kids! Refreshments will follow.

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photo by Jack Devine

## Macaroni Meatball Supper

The St. Anthony Rosary Society announces a Macaroni-Meatball Supper to benefit the St. Anthony of Padua Church, sponsored by the Rosary Society. It will take place on April 26, 1978 at Middle School, Main Street, Agawam from 5 to 7 P.M. Adults \$2.50, children \$1.50.

Those on the committee are: Chairman - Frances Fagnani Tickets - Norma Wescott and Frances Costa. Kitchen - Dorothy Pilegi Dining Hall - Delores Gatti and Eva Nascembeni Desserts - Delores Vinsett.

## Spring Preschool Story Hour

The Agawam Public Libraries will begin its annual Spring Preschool Story Hour on Wednesday, April 19, 1978, at 10:00 A.M. The story hour will run for six consecutive Wednesdays up to May 17, at Agawam Public Library II, 862 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. only.

Pre-registration is required and may be done at either the Agawam Center Library or the APL II Library. All children registered must be at least 3½ years old. There will be coffee and doughnuts for the mothers of the preschoolers. Register now since enrollment is limited due to space limitations.

## Count On Your Library

"Count on Your Library!" is the slogan for National Library Week this year at the Agawam Public Libraries. This special week runs from April 2nd to April 8th, and in honor of this week, the libraries will have a display of new books for all age groups and will give out "Count on Your Library" bookmarks. Please Count on Your Library by coming to the Agawam Public Libraries.

## Library Adult Discussion Group

The Agawam Public Libraries would like to begin a Great Books Discussion group for adults in the near future. A meeting will be held on Thursday evening, April 13th at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Center Library to make future plans for the group. Anyone who is interested please plan to attend.

## Pack 75 Pen Sale

Cub Scouts from Pack 75 will hold a pen sale from April 1 thru the 15th. Proceeds from the sale will be used to sponsor a bus trip for the Pack in May. Prizes will be given to the three top salesmen. First prize is a 10-speed bike; second prize, a cassette tape recorder; and third prize, a calculator.

## This & That

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

A quick note for senior citizens: This Wednesday, April 5, the Agawam Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to New York, leaving at 7:30 a.m. The mini-bus with its lift for wheel chairs will be available for handicapped people. The Center requests that no doctor appointments be made on Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

Also there is still room available in the exercise class. The classes are held each Monday morning at 10.

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The Agawam Newcomers Club will hold their monthly meeting on April 4 at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street at 8:00 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be from the Protective Services, who will discuss the problems of child abuse. For more information, call Diana Pelletier at 786-3458 or Mary Barstow at 786-2682.

The club meets every month at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

## High School Paper Drive

There will be a newspaper drive on April 28, 29, and 30, sponsored by the Agawam High School Band. Proceeds will be used to send band members to Ridgewood, New Jersey to compete in the spring festival. Newspapers are to be brought to the high school parking lot.



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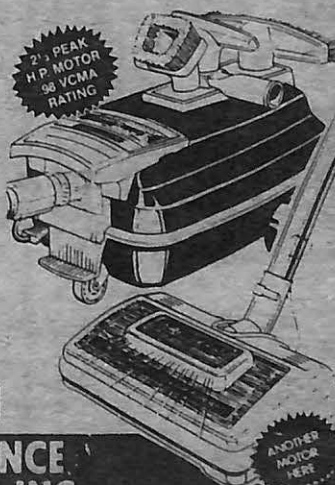
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Celebrating his 100th birthday on March 28th was Arthur J. Norris, seated center. With Norris is (left to right) Evelyn Menard, his step daughter, Albert J. Mason, Norris' brother-in-law, Peter Caputo, Agawam Town Manager, and Fr. Paul Burns, Sacred Heart Church.  
photo by Jack Devine

## Arthur J. Norris Celebrates 100th Birthday

Arthur J. Norris was born on March 28, 1878, in West Springfield, Mass. and has lived in Agawam most of his life. On March 28, 1978, Mr. Norris celebrated his 100th birthday at a party held in his honor at the Senior Center on North Westfield Street. Over fifty people were present to honor Mr. Norris at the party sponsored by the Community Life Commission of Sacred

Heart Church, Chaired by Vera Conway. Preceding the party, Fr. Paul Burns said the Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Mr. Norris' honor.

Tops on his list of well wishers were President and Mrs. Carter who sent Norris a letter of congratulations.

Mr. Norris and his father operated the first inn in the Merrick section of West Springfield. Norris was em-

ployed by the Springfield Armory during W.W.I. and W.W.II, and retired at age 65 at the end of the second World War. At age 70 he became a Security Officer for Mercy Hospital in Springfield and worked there until the tender age of eighty five.

Mr. Norris has outlived all but two of his six children and now resides in a local nursing home.

## High School Chorale Exchange Concert

The Agawam High School Choral will host an exchange concert with students from North Central High School from Chestertown, New York.

The mixed choir, of approximately thirty students, directed by Mr. Dennis Searles, will be in Agawam April 7, 8, and 9.

They will give a music program and will be joined by the Agawam Chorale in the second half of the program.

This exchange is conducted bi-annually. In past years, the Chorale has gone to Concord, Central Valley, Burlington, and Barrington.

In an exchange, we host students from their chorus in Choral members houses and when we go there, they put us up in their houses.

The funds for this project are raised by Chorale members by selling candy, coloring books, and Christmas gifts.

The Agawam Chorale will go to New York the weekend of May 5, 6, and 7.

The Agawam Chorale is directed by Mrs. Mary Callahan.

The Concert will be performed at 8:00 p.m. on April 8th at the Agawam High School Auditorium. The public is invited and there is no admission.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 4, 1978

Agawam Newcomers Club Meeting  
8:00 P.M.  
Captain Charles Leonard House

APRIL 6, 1978

Parents Coffee Hour  
9:30 P.M.  
Agawam High School Auditorium

APRIL 8, 1978

Agawam High Chorale  
Exchange Concert  
8:00 P.M.  
Agawam High Auditorium  
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APRIL 9, 1978

Champagne Brunch  
American Cancer Society  
11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
VFW Post 1632, Agawam

APRIL 11, 1978

Agawam Garden Club  
7:30 P.M.  
Captain Charles Leonard House

APRIL 26, 1978

Meatball Supper  
St. Anthony Rosary Society  
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## Bike Ride Scheduled

Over 30,000 people in towns throughout Massachusetts will be peddling their bicycles on April 30, 1978 for the Massachusetts Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC). The annual "Ride-a-Bike for Mentally Retarded People" has raised over \$200,000 each year for MARC which the association uses to benefit the Commonwealth's 160,000 mentally retarded citizens.

You can join the fun, get some exercise, and pedal your bike for a good cause by contacting the Mass. Association for Retarded Citizens, 381 Elliot Street, Newton Upper Falls, Mass. 02164; telephone (617) 965-5320. There Ride-a-Bikes throughout Massachusetts on April 30, and you can participate in the ride nearest you.

Since the "Ride-a-Bike" began in 1972, over \$1,300,000 has been raised which is returned directly and indirectly to local communities through the services MARC offers.

The citizen advocacy program, which matches volunteers in a one-to-one friendship with mentally retarded persons, has grown to 22 programs throughout the state and has helped countless numbers of mentally retarded people lead more independent lives in their communities.

Every year MARC awards scholarships to Massachusetts college students majoring in special education to help ensure quality education for mentally retarded individuals.

The youth organization of MARC is involved in pro-

viding recreational programs for retarded children and adults.

As an information and referral center, MARC responds to thousands of requests for help each year, and provides support services to its 26 local chapters throughout Massachusetts.

MARC represents the interests of mentally retarded citizens at the State House, in Washington, and to various state, federal and private agencies. The association initiates legislation and works to implement programs which benefit mentally retarded persons.

A leader in pressing for zoning legislation which facilitates the development of community residences, MARC has also been involved in a number of law suits which have required the Commonwealth to improve conditions in state schools.

An ongoing public education program brings aspects of mental retardation to the attention of professional groups and the public. The public has access to a speakers' bureau and an extensive library.

## Special Ed. Meeting

The Greater Springfield Regional Advisory Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13, 1978 at the Mosier School, South Hadley, Mass. Time of the meeting will be 7:30 p.m. The agenda will include the State Advisory Commission Report and guest speaker Dr. Julia Leonard, Director of Special Education in South Hadley.

## Advisory Council Vacancies

There is a need for parent members who have children in program prototypes 502.1, 502.3 and 502.4 and ex-officio members from Human Service Agencies. In addition, the RAC needs representation in the following school systems (LEAS) in the Springfield Region:

Agawam, Belchertown, Easthampton, Hadley, Holyoke, Leverett, Longmeadow, Monson, New Salem, Pelham, Shutesbury, South Hadley, Southwick, and Ware. If you are interested in submitting your name, please send a letter expressing your interest to Elizabeth Desilets, 31 South Street, Granby, Mass. 01033.

## School Lunch Menus

For the week of April 3 - 7

**Mon., April 3** - toasted bologna and cheese sandwich in roll, pickle chips, mustard or mayonnaise, tossed salad with shredded carrots and French Dressing, chilled fruit cup.  
**Tues., April 4** - potted beef in gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered diced carrots, whole wheat bread and butter, applesauce cake with vanilla icing, milk.  
**Wed., April 5** - chilled fruit juice, curly macaroni in hamburger and spa ghetti sauce, creamy cabbage and carrot salad, Italian bread and butter, jello with whip topping.  
**Thurs., April 6** - sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce and mayonnaise, oven French fried potatoes, ketchup, buttered green beans with peanut garnish, chocolate pudding with whip topping, milk.  
**Fri., April 7** - meatball grinder with tomato sauce and cheese topping, buttered kernel corn, peach crisp, milk.

Menus for the week of April 10 - 14

**Mon., April 10** - pizza with meat and tomato sauce topping, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled pears in syrup, milk.  
**Tues., April 11** - steamed frankfort on roll, mustard and relish, oven French fried potatoes, vegetarian beans in sauce, peanut butter cookies, milk.  
**Wed., April 12** - spaghetti with hamburger and tomato sauce, cole slaw with creamy dressing, Italian bread and butter, spiced applesauce, milk.  
**Thurs., April 13** - white meat turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rye bread and butter, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.  
**Fri., April 14** - chilled apple juice, 1/2 tuna sandwich, 1/2 1/2 peanut butter and jelly sandwich, buttered niblet corn, ice cream sandwich, milk.

## Mass Cancer Information Service

The 10,000th call to the Massachusetts Cancer Information Service (CIS), a statewide toll-free telephone resource for cancer related questions, was made on March 30, 1978.

During its 22 months of operation, the service has received an average of 400 calls per month, a majority of

these calls were from the general public, although it also has a professional component.

With Massachusetts the number is 1-800-952-7420.

Most of the questions from lay callers concern four main categories: types of cancer, questions about symptoms and treatments, what agencies and services are available to cancer patients and their families; and risk factors (smoking and other cancer causing substances). All questions are trained counselors.

The service is a cooperative venture sponsored within Massachusetts by the American College of Surgeons, Massachusetts Chapter; the Regional Cancer Control Program; the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the American Cancer Society, Massachusetts Division, Inc.

## Fraudulent Canvassing

A number of complaints have reached the American Cancer Society and local police departments concerning fraudulent canvassing in the name of the ACS. Bogus collectors have appeared in several communities, producing credentials upon demand which might at first appear legitimate.

The American Cancer Society urges the public to question canvassers, who appear before the society's campaign, scheduled in this area for the latter part of the month of April. Legitimate ASC volunteer crusaders will have in their possessions ACS crusade kits and badges.

Anyone lacking these credentials, says the Springfield Chapter of the society, is collecting fraudulently in the name of the ACS. The public is urged to call their local police departments and the Springfield office of the American Cancer Society at 785-1545 to report questionable canvassers.

## Walk For Disadvantaged Youths

The Agawam Walk for Disadvantaged Youth will start at 9:00 A.M. - Sunday, April 9th. According to Frank Flynn, Regional Walk Coordinator, 300 participants will walk to help disadvantaged boys and girls. All proceeds from this volunteer effort will go directly to Horizons for Youth. Since 1938, Horizons for Youth has helped over 55,000 slightly handicapped, mildly retarded, economically disadvantaged, emotionally disturbed, and physically abused children.

The Agawam Walk will be manned by Legionnaires in uniform from the Wilson-Thompson Post #185. Each walker will receive a prize. Sponsor cards may be obtained at school or by calling toll free 1-800-242-5875.



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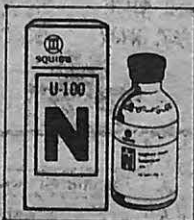
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## Students Attend College Fair



Almost two hundred students from the Agawam High School recently attended a College Fair at the Civic Center in Springfield. The fair, sponsored by the National Association of College Admissions Counselors gives area students a chance to meet with and talk to admissions counselors from over two hundred colleges representin twenty-nine states. Pictured leaving the high school by bus to attend the fair are: (left to right) Kim Brantley, Leslie Delisle, Lisa Allen, Lori Olsen, Marsha Bessette and Shawn Ringer.

photo by Jack Devine

## Kindergarten Screening

Is your child going to attend kindergarten next Fall?

The Kindergarten Screening Team will discuss Project K.I.D.S. (Kindergarten-Individual-Discovery-Screening) at special information evenings for parents of children entering kindergarten in September, 1978. These meetings have been scheduled at Robinson Park School on Thursday, April 6th and at Benjamin Phelps School on Tuesday, April 11th, both at 7:30 p.m.

Developmental screening of each child will be part of the registration process for entering Kindergartners. Team members will discuss the purpose of developmental screening, the process itself and follow-up procedures.

A School Nurse will review the medical components of the registration packed most parents have already received and discuss physical examination requirements, medication in school and

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## W.S.C. Students To Teach Abroad

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Students now in the overseas program are seniors Mary Carlstrom, an art major from Westboro who will travel to Torino, Italy; Andrea Chiota, a Special Education/Elementary Education major from Roslindale who will be in Trieste, Italy; Pamela Brown, a Special Education Elementary Education major from Norwood who will teach in Bilbo, Spain; Diane Davis, an art major from Agawam who will be in London, England; and Panelle Lewis, a Physical Education major from Ashland who will be teaching in Trieste, Italy.

Five students from Westfield State College will be leaving for Europe this month to do their student teaching in schools in England, Italy and Spain. They are participating in a program under the auspices of the Center for International Education in Buzzards Bay, Mass.

## Rotary Club Public Auction

The first annual Agawam Rotary Club Public Auction will be held on Saturday, June 10, 1978, 1-4 p.m. at the Westfield Savings Bank grounds on Main Street, Agawam. Rain or Shine. All proceeds will benefit the Agawam Library Building Fund.

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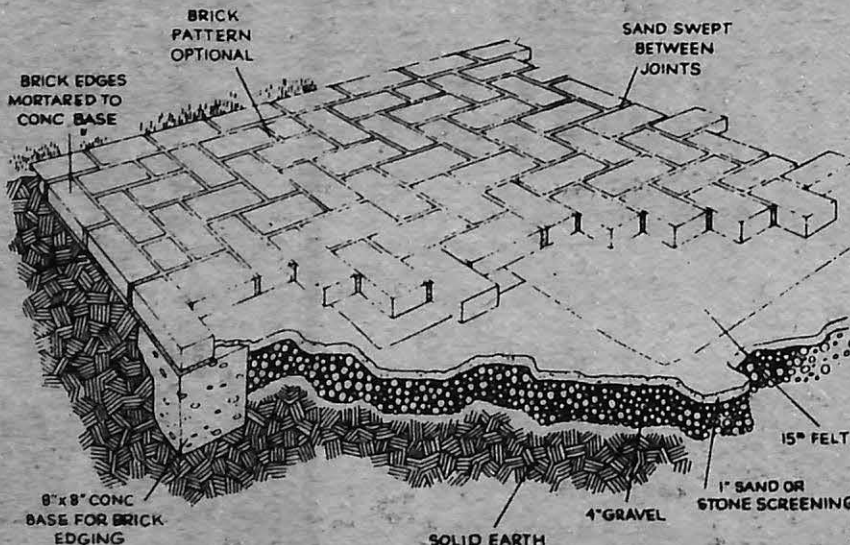
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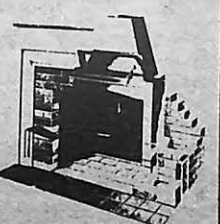
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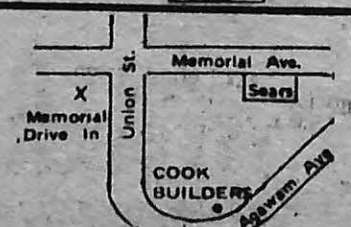
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# Sports

## Schoolboy Hockey MVP Dinner

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Who will be the Most Valuable Players in Division I and Division II Schoolboy Hockey? Does Agawam have any prime candidates?

These are the main questions surrounding the 12th annual Amo Bessone Hockey Awards Banquet, being held April 6th this year at the Dante Club of West Springfield. Western Mass. hockey fans will find out the surprises and disappointments this year for the 12th straight year. The banquet is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

Prime candidates from the Brownies will be Dave Vanasse and Ron Dutton, with forward Marc Yacavone with an outside chance.

Vanasse, a senior wing, led the team with 20 goals and 13 assists during regular season play, to bring the Brownies their Fay Division and Western Mass. titles. Vanasse showed the most improvement from the year before, when he went 1-15-2. Dave especially excelled in the CM-WM playoff finale for the team, as he dug out many hard-corner shots and tipped in the Brownie's second goal against Leominster.

Dutton, on the other hand, sported a scoring average of

no less than 2.75 during the regular season. Dutton made himself known in the net to the opposition, as he checked Chicopee Comp 8-0, making more than 30 saves in 45 minutes. Dutton proved to first-year coach Bill Sapelli that Agawam had no serious defensive troubles throughout the year.

Vanasse and Dutton are the two players from Agawam's 1978 Western Mass. hockey championship team, along with a shot from Yacavone, that proved to be the Brownie's top prospects for the 1978 MVP award.

Previous winners of the Bessone trophy include last year's winners, Paul Fenton of Cathedral and Tom Sweeney of Minnechaug. Classical's Tom Gentile, West Side's Mike Fiorini, Pittsfield's P.J. Murphy, Classical's Rick Mastroianni, Ludlow's Jim Mastalerz, West Side's Tommy Allen and Rich Germano, Ludlow's Click Howe, Classical's Mike Ellis and Dave Cawley, Chicopee's Dan DiRice and Mike Howe, Westfield's Billy Harris, and Trade's Dave Ellingsworth.

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$3 and will be available at the door.

## Jr. High Baseball Team Ready For Season Opener

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Agawam Junior High School Baseball team opens its 1978 season this Thursday April 6, away, against the ever-ready Holyoke team.

The team launches the '78 season this year under the new helm of Coach Michael Polanski, who is replacing last year's coach, Michael Minutelli, who has since left the Agawam School System. Minutelli guided the team last year to a superb record of 13-4-1, which brought them the 1977 Valley Wheel Championship.

This year's pitching roster seems to be the strongest yet in the history of Junior High play. Leading the pitching staff is Dean Molta, a previous Sacred Heart hurler from the 13-15 league.

Molta led his team last year from the mound, mainly known for his fast ball and off-speed hurling. Molta takes the position of relief pitcher and back-up shortstop this year with the Junior High Brownies.

At shortstop is Don Gallerani, showing quickness and agility at the position, along with his strong throwing arm that makes the perfect key-stone combination. Gallerani has the ability to make the diving stops that make him tops in that position.

Also in the starting rotation this year will be Craig Coulcombe, Dave Lyne, and David Stuart, of which Coulcombe and Lyne are returning from last year's championship season.

Coulcombe, who pitched in the 10-12 league of the Sacred

Heart Athletic Association in 1976, has one no-hitter to his credit, as well as his blazing fastball. The incredible part about the fastball is the precise control he exhibits on the mound.

Lyne, on the other hand, exhibits the same amount of control as Coulcombe, with a decent speed on his fastball. He is a main advantage to the team, as he is the team's primary left-handed hurler.

Behind the plate this year will be Kevin Barnes, Keith Mercandante, and Tom Sibilia, each competing for a starting position. Coach Polanski hopes to narrow the catching position down by the season opener.

The team began outdoor practice last Monday, sloshing around in the wet grass and mud, but with hopes of another Valley Wheel Championship to their credit.

The 1978 Junior High Baseball schedule is as follows. All games are played at 3:30.

April		
6	Away	Holyoke
10	Away	Cathedral
11	Home	West Springfield
14	Home	Ludlow
18	Away	Minnechaug
21	Away	Amherst
25	Home	Longmeadow
28	Home	South Hadley
May		
2	Away	East Longmeadow
3	Home	Holyoke
9	Away	Ludlow
12	Home	Minnechaug
16	Home	Amherst
19	Away	Longmeadow
23	Away	South Hadley
25	Home	Cathedral
26	Home	East Longmeadow
31	Away	West Springfield



Polish American scores hoop in recent championship game against Village Package Store. Polish American Club went on to win the game in overtime 32-30. The teams are in the 13-15 age division of the Agawam Athletic Association.

## Polish American Club 13-15 Champs

by Steve Berard

The Polish American Club ended up the season in a three-way tie for first place. This created a double elimination play-off series. The Texas Bar-B-Que and Village Package Store were the two other teams. The final game matched the Polish Club vs. the Village Package Store.

The Polish American Club was the winner 32-30 in overtime. They won the game on Co-Captain Chuck

Mickey's winning basket. The leading scorer through the season was co-captain Dean Vecchiarelli with 169 points and Gary Sliech with 115 points. Alan Stepanik and Vin DeSantis were strong rebounders for the Polish Club and played great defense during the play-offs.

The Polish American Club was coached by Phil Vecchiarelli with General Manager Phil Vecchiarelli Sr.

## Fogg Hits Schoolboy Record

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Recently, Brian Fogg of Agawam was gifted with a new all-time high of 155 in the Junior-Senior High School Division at the Agawam Bowl.

Fogg had an 80 half, with two spares and two strikes to begin with, and added three more spares to his tally in the eighth, ninth, and tenth frames, racking up a remarkable score. He hit the last frame with a 10.

The most unbelievable part of his success is that Brian is presently a ninth grader in the Agawam Junior High School, and was 14 at the time of the feat, just recently turning 15.

Also in the league was Steve Stork, setting a new triple mark of 362. Stork, a youth of 17, rolled strings of 94, 133, and 135.

At the Agawam Bowl, joining the men's 400 club two weeks ago was Mr. Frank Tangredi, who rolled an excellent 151, 124, and 136, totalling to a 411. Tangredi is presently bowling in the Wednesday Morning Industrial League.

Being initiated in the women's 350 club was Carol Ferraro, who three weeks ago bowled a 358. Ferraro rolled a 111, 124, and a 123, chalking up the 358 to her credit. She presently is enrolled in the Alley Katz League.

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The Western New England Candlepin Association has announced its "Summer Special" for area bowlers. It's the "Great American Weekend", being offered to the local summer bowlers for three days for two at the Sheraton-Sturbridge Inn. To be eligible to win, you must be presently a member, or join a summer league that is a WNECA lane.

Winners will be determined by a special handicap roll-off sometime in August, and each lane will support a winner.

In addition to the weekends for two, other prizes will also be awarded. The prizes will be determined by the number of entries per lane.

## You, Your Car, Your Rights

The Hampden County Extension Service will sponsor "You, Your Automobile, and Your Consumer Rights" on Tuesday, April 11, 9:30 A.M., and Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 P.M., at the Extension Offices, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Donna Mekalian, Home Economics Staff Assistant, will discuss the Massachusetts laws protecting the consumer in situations related to automobiles. Major emphasis will be on car repairs, the number one consumer complaint in Massachusetts. Miss Mekalian will also discuss points to consider when selecting a repair shop, important questions to ask the repair man, and what action to take if you have a dispute over your bill.

The programs are free of charge and open to the public regardless of race, color or national origin.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

Vermont will offer three seasons on turkeys this year. Ed Keogh, Commissioner of Vermont Fish and Game stated at a recent meeting of the New England Outdoor Writers, that his state has a flock of 10,000 birds in the wild. The strain of wild turkey used in Vermont is in demand by many states in this country. West Germany has purchased 25 birds for seeding in suitable covers.

Through Wildlife Management, paid for by the sales of Hunting Licenses and the 11% excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment, there are more deer in the US than were here when our forefathers arrived on our shores. Wild turkey populations are exploding in many states in the East. The sportsmen, through the purchase of sporting licenses, is the true friend of wildlife. His money, not General Fund Money, is used by the Fish and Game Departments in every state in the US for the hiring of Fish Culturists, Wildlife Biologists and Game management experts to manage and regulate the wildlife in each state. In Massachusetts, one dollar is set aside from every license sold for the purchase of land to ensure that the wildlife has suitable habitat to propagate on. The worst enemy of wildlife is not the hunter. He is the tool used by the Fish and Game Departments to regulate the species of animals on their range. The harvesting of wildlife keeps the ranges in suitable feed cover, thus preventing over browsing with the end results being malnutrition and starvation of the species. The eradication of habitat is the worst enemy of wildlife today. The construction of super highways, population explosions where houses are the norm. The filling in of wetlands for construction purposes. This is why the sportsmen in Massachusetts agreed to the use of one dollar from license sale to purchase land by the Fish and

Wildlife Department in our state.

The Spring Turkey permits are available at this time in Vermont. An informational packet with hunting permit, map and regulations will be sent to anyone who carefully prints or types his name, full home address, hunting license number and letter and sends the information to the State Wildlife Laboratory, Roxbury, Vt. 05669.

Mr. Keogh reports that the Conn. River Anadromous Fisheries Restoration Program will soon be getting another boost from Vermont-raised hybrid salmon.

In early April, 15 to 20 thousand Atlantic-landlocked salmon hybrids will be released below the Holyoke Dam. Within a few weeks after than another 1,000 of the hybrids will smoltify and migrate directly from the Roxbury Hatchery down the white River system into the Conn. River.

From Westboro comes a few notes on fish and wildlife research: Joe Bergin, Assistant Aquatic Biologist, has been meeting with the Southeastern Chapter of Trout Unlimited to plan work on the Quashnet River. The group plans to install 11 covers and four deflectors. Additional plans are in the works for brush cutting and tree planting along a 400 meter stream bank. During the past two years the group has put in numerous stream improvement structures and has aided the sea-run trout project by assisting in the collection of brood stock.

Dave Halliwell, Assistant Aquatic Biologist, has completed calculations on the number and weight of fish taken from a variety of Mass. streams. Dave notes that the weight of fish taken at stream mouths exceeds the weight of fish taken in mid-reaches. He suggests that this may indicate that the fish use stream mouth areas as sites of refuge during warm weather.

## Down To Earth

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unsure just how to go about getting a container garden going, ask questions at your local garden centers.

I have had excellent luck growing potatoes in Feeding Hills. If you haven't been so fortunate, try some of these home garden tips. Potato beetles can be repelled by planting green beans near potatoes. In turn, the potatoes help keep Mexican bean beetles from attacking the beans. Potatoes do not like sweet soil (lime). When I dig the trench for my potatoes, I dust into it some garden sulphur to bring up the acidity and also rake in some vegetable garden fertilizer at the same time. Then I plant. I like two types in particular. 'Katahdin' and 'Superior'. The second one being an early type. I buy certified seed potatoes for planting. These are grown to be free from disease. Every time I hill up my plants during their growing season, I sprinkle

some fertilizer on both sides of the row first, then hill up and water.

This is a good time to renew leggy, bare stemmed house plants with a 'Cutting Back' or severe pruning. By cutting the stems back 3-6", depending on the size of the plant, new leaves will appear on the remaining stem in no time. For the upright plant, pinch or cut off the two newest leaves on the top of each stem. New leaves will show up shortly and some will be nearer the base of the plant.

Enjoy those 'gift plants' you got for Easter by keeping them cool and evenly watered. Some can last for months.

NEXT WEEK: What to do when that gift plant stops giving, spring cleanup - be careful what you pull up, pruning roses, foliage feeding for evergreens and more.

KEEP SMILING!  
JMC

## Heartworm Threat

Have a heart--protect your dog's life from the deadly disease of heartworm.

A parasite that can cause fatal damage to your dog's heart, heartworm is relatively new to the New England area, but already it has become a major problem of ever-increasing proportions. The Mass. SPCA reminds dog owners that is essential that a simple blood test be performed by a veterinarian now--before the heartworm season begins in June.

The threat of heartworm continues throughout the warm summer months when mosquitos are most prevalent. Carriers of the disease, mosquitos infect unprotected dogs with parasitic heartworms by biting them. These infected dogs will then be the source of more heartworm cases as mosquitos who bite them then transmit the

disease to scores of other unprotected dogs.

Heartworm is an insidious disease which can cause major damage before visible symptoms appear. If unchecked, heartworms will grow to be from six to 12 inches long, eventually clogging the heart chambers and major blood vessels. The only way to determine if your dog has heartworms is through a blood test. If the results are negative, your veterinarian will recommend that preventive medication be administered daily from June 1 to December 31.

Consult your veterinarian or arrange to take advantage of the heartworm clinic offered at the MSPCA's Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital in Springfield throughout April and May. Don't wait--your dog is depending on you.

## Family Camping Free Museum Workshop

With warm weather ahead, visions of cool, clear streams and stars overhead begin to enter our minds. The Camping stores busy themselves preparing for the increase of customers, and the Springfield Science Museum plans to help your family get a start at fun-filled experiences in the outdoors. FAMILY CAMPING will be the featured topic of the April 8th Family Program at 11:15

A.M. Experts will be on hand demonstrating equipment, foods to pack and places to go. Included in the activities will be a slide presentation of the sights and sounds you may encounter outdoors.

FAMILY MORNINGS are held every Saturday at 11:15 A.M. in the Tolman Auditorium. Admission is FREE. For further information, contact the museum's education department at 732-4317.

## Laughing Brook Birdwatching Workshop

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a morning workshop for people interested in birdwatching on Saturday, April 15 at 7 a.m.

The Birdwatching Workshop will combine indoor orientation with an outdoor field trip. Audubon ornithologist, Helen Bates, will instruct participants on the proper use of identification books and binoculars. The various

publications available to birdwatchers will be displayed as well. An outdoor walk will be included to look for spring birds at the 260 acre sanctuary.

The two-hour Birdwatching Workshop is open to the public and a fee is charged. It will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. - a change of time from previous notices. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.

## Wildlife Rehabilitation Course

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, is offering a three-week course titled Wildlife Rehabilitation beginning Saturday, April 15.

Su Jewell, Animal Care Supervisor at Laughing Brook will instruct participants in the 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. program on various methods of treating and caring for injured and orphaned wildlife. Participants first learn about the mistakes and hazards of taking baby animals found "abandoned" in backyards. The instructor will then continue with examples of when wildlife does need assistance and how to properly care for and eventually release them.

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## The Coin Corner

by Dan Maruszczak Jr. and Steve Berard

This week the Coin Corner focuses on the Liberty Nickel, which was minted between 1883 and 1912. Charles E. Barber executed the designs for the nickel when it was introduced in 1883. His initial design offered a large "V" on the reverse encircled by a wreath. The obverse depicts the Miss Liberty inside a circle of stars.

The Liberty nickel series is one of the most famous American coins, as the clandestine 1913 nickel had only 5 known coins minted in secrecy. The 1913 nickel is not recognized as a regular mint issue, as the minimal amount of coins made.

The 1913 nickel was made famous by the national numismatic promotions of B. Max Mehl, in which he offered to pay \$50 for specimens of the issue. Of course, that was some 65 years ago. The nickel now demands a price of \$135,000.

The originals were produced by Samuel Brown in secrecy. Brown, a one-time mint employee, later passed the coins into the possession of the rich eccentric Col. E.H.R. Green, son of Hetty Green.

Untold thousands of 1903, 1910 and 1912 Liberty Nickels have been altered by people hoping to cash in on the valuable error. Mehl was undoubtedly on the receiving end of many of these fakes.

One which was authentic was owned for some 25 years

by coin dealer J.V. McDermott of Milwaukee, Wis., who offered his coin for display at many events throughout the country. He originally purchased the coin for \$900, while following his death, the coin was sold for a total of \$46,000.

The Liberty Head nickel is an alloy of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Greater Springfield Chapter #115, Hartford, Conn. Chapter #165 and Southern Connecticut Chapter #242 will meet on April 11, 1978 at the Sheraton-Tobacco Valley Inn, Interstate 91 and Route 305 Exit, Windsor, Conn.

A special guest will be the National Director of Region One, Gloria Hinkel of Philadelphia, Pa.

The speaker will be Helen Falvey, a member of the Connecticut Society of Public Accountants. She will give a slide presentation and tell us "Why Businesses Fail".

All Springfield Chapter reservations should be made on or before April 4, with Lise J. Provost, Belden Court, Apt. G4, Agawam, Mass.

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philatelist as the initiated are called, thrive in this world of perforations, precancels, plate blocks and first day covers. While other hobbyists visit auctions, strip and re-finish furniture or hunt the

"Big One", he haunts the Post Office and the flea Market. A philatelist is a stamp collector.

Many collectors start as elementary school students with stamps passed down from parents or grandparents. Others are not initiated until, as adults, they are introduced to the hobby by a friend. Thus, they miss many years of getting their hands wet, while soaking stamps or dirty while looking in dark attics for the stamps and letters stored away years before.

In order to introduce students to the World of Stamps at an early age, the United States Postal Service has instituted the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club Program. Agawam Jr. High recently became the second school in Massachusetts to sponsor such a club.

Open to both boys and girls, the Club attempts to increase the collecting skills of experienced students while offering instructions and stamps to the beginner. Kevin Ryan serves as President, Michael Annino as Secretary-Treasurer, and Frank Meagher is the club's advisor.

The Club meets on Monday afternoon after school with a mixture of instructions, stamp swapping and occasional guest speakers. Since this is a new Club, our greatest need is used stamps, both U.S. and Foreign. If you usually throw away your envelopes, why not save them for the Club. If you call Mr. Meagher at 786-6211, arrangements will be made to pick up your envelopes about once a month. If it is more convenient, stamps and envelopes may be brought to the school between 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

## Bloodmobile Schedule

**April 4** - Bay Path Jr. College (snack bar), 588 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, 12 noon - 5 P.M.

**April 5** - American Vets, Main St., Three Rivers, 12 noon - 5:45 p.m.

**April 6** - Longmeadow High School Key Club, 95 Grassy Gutter Rd., Longmeadow, 7:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**April 8** - Holland Town Hall, Sturbridge Rd., Holland, 12 noon - 6 p.m.

**April 10** - STCC (Bldg. 20, Student Lounge), Armory St., Springfield, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**April 11** - Springfield College (Moses Hall, Beveridge Ctr.) 263 Alden St., Springfield, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**April 12** - Springfield College (Moses Hall, Beveridge Ctr.) 263 Alden St., Springfield, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**April 24** - West Springfield Police Dept. (Municipal Office Bldg.), 26 Central St., West Springfield, 1; a.m.-4 p.m.

**April 26** - Minnechaug Regional High School (gym), 621 Main St., Wilbraham, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**April 28** - West Springfield High School (stage), 425 Piper Rd., West Springfield, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Olympians To Host Color Guard Competition

The Saint George Olympians Drum and Bugle Corps will sponsor a Colonial Circuit Colorguard Competition on April 9, 1978 at 2:00 P.M. in the gym of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. Featured will be thirteen guards from Massachusetts and Connecticut. Admission is \$2.00 and children under 10, free. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Help support the Olympians!

## Agawam Senior Center

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On Monday, April 3, we are starting a new class in **Leather Crafts**. If you are interested, please sign up soon, as we cannot take more than 8 beginners. The class will be Mondays, from 1-3 p.m.

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Seniors, have you been caught in a bind paying your fuel bills this winter? Have you had to repair your heating equipment? Help is available. Ask Mrs. Bassell for details. Our phone at the Senior Center is 786-8451.

### Menu for the week of April 10 - 14:

**Monday** - turkey fricassee in patty shells, stewed tomatoes, peaches.

**Tuesday** - Soup Du Jour, rolls with cheese, apple pie.  
**Wednesday** - Pepper steak, scalloped potatoes, lettuce, sheet cake.

**Thursday** - Lamb stew with mixed vegetables, potatoes, jello.

**Friday** - Tuna salad, rolls, peas and carrots, bavarian cream.

## Golden Age Club Classics

The members of the Springfield Golden Age Club will once again be performing in their musical show, "Classics". This is the twenty-sixth year that the show has been put on by the Golden Agers who help with its production in numerous ways. Many sing and dance in the show, others sell tickets and obtain sponsors who put advertisements in

the show's program book, and still others meet weekly to make costumes. The show will be at 8:00 p.m. on May 2, 1978 in Symphony Hall. The price of tickets is \$2.00 and these are available at: Springfield Golden Age Club, 45 East Court Street, Springfield or through members of the Springfield Golden Age Club. Get yours soon, you will not want to miss it!!

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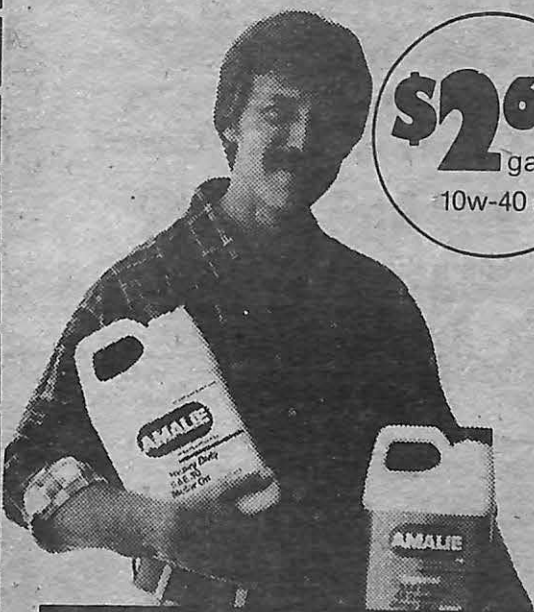
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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Not too long ago, I was talking with a friend about the vegetable garden she was planning for this year. She said it was going to be bigger and better than last year's and her husband groaned from the background, "we may relax this spring. Last year we planted that garden and all that came up was the water bill." Many people have a similar problem.

Was your vegetable garden last year, too big, too much work, too far away from the house? Do you live where a vegetable garden seems out of the question for lack of space to plant? Try some of the following suggestions to lighten your work or solve the problem.

Break away from the traditional single, large, garden plot. Many times, two or more smaller plots, closer to the house, will do the trick. Instead of a flower patch by the back door, if it is a sunny spot, make it into a 'flowet-able' patch. Plant some chives, carrots, beets, or green peppers. Toss in a few marigolds and presto! You have food and beauty at your fingertips. Use lettuce, in reds and yellows, as well as

regular green, as an edging for a flower bed. The small rosettes of flowering cabbage and flowering kale can also be used. Beets with their good eating foliage, make an attractive border. 'Ruby Queen' is goodlooking, with tops that are short, dark green turning to red.

Growing vegetables in containers is fast becoming the way to garden. Many varieties have been developed for this purpose. When choosing a container, be sure it is large enough to handle the total root system of the plant when it is full grown. These new varieties are ideal for small-space, container, and intensive gardens and are often very practical for the traditional garden as well.

The new bush type cucumber is 'PATIO PIK' or 'WHOOPEE'. 'POT LUCK' is also good for a hanging basket.

To grow carrots in a container, you will need a fairly deep box. If that isn't handy, plant shallow rooted types such as 'Tiny Sweet', 'Baby Finger Nantes' or 'Bunny Bite'. If you are

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